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8 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
9 FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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11 IN RE:

12 GUARDIAN FUND, LLC,

13 AFFECTS THIS DEBTOR

14 AFFECTS GUARDIAN CV1, LLC

15 AFFECTS GUARDIAN CV2, LLC

16 AFFECTS ALL DEBTORS

17 Debtors.

Case No.: BK-23-50177-hlb

Case No.: BK-23-50233-hlb

Consolidated Under Case No. BK-23-50177-hlb
(Chapter 11)

Jointly Administered with:

23-50951-hlb	Guardian CV1, LLC
23-50952-hlb	Guardian CV2, LLC

18 **OBJECTION TO ALLOWANCE OF**
19 **CLAIM NO. 389 [BXB HOLDINGS, LLC-**
20 **1937 HAMILTON AVE. SERIES]**

21 Hrg. Date: August 22, 2025

22 Hrg. Time: 1:30 p.m.

23 Est. Time: 5 minutes

24 Set By: Calendar Clerk

25 GUARDIAN FUND, LLC (“**Guardian**” or “**Debtor**”), reorganized debtor in the above-
26 captioned jointly administered chapter 11 case, through its counsel, HARRIS LAW PRACTICE
27 LLC, files its *Objection to Allowance of Claim No. 389 [BXB Holdings, LLC-1937 Hamilton Ave.
Series]* (“**Claim Objection**”).

28 This Claim Objection is based on these points and authorities, the pleadings, and papers
on file with this Court of which the Debtor asks the Court to take judicial notice pursuant to Fed.
R. Evid. 201, and oral argument of counsel at the hearings on this matter.

BACKGROUND

1. On August 14, 2023, BXB Holdings, LLC-1937 Hamilton Ave. Series (“**BXB - Hamilton Ave**” or “**Claimants**”) filed Claim No. 389 in Case No. 23-50177-hlb, (collectively “**Claim**”) for an alleged unsecured amount of \$69,364.94 based on alleged damages related to their investment in Guardian. *See Claim* (Amended Claim, without exhibits, is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**). The Claim appears to be apportioned as Class 6A claims for fixed rent due \$5,447.04, past due property taxes in the amount of \$8,917.90 and property rehabilitation estimate in the amount of \$55,000.00 along with an unstated amount for loss of value, Class 6B claim. *See Claim.*

9 2. On October 21, 2024, the Debtors and Committee filed their *Second Amended*
10 *Joint Plan of Reorganization* dated October 20, 2024 [ECF No. 956], and later filed a *Supplement*
11 *to Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization* [ECF No. 997], a *First Amendment to Second*
12 *Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization* [ECF No. 1040], a *Second Supplement to Second Amended*
13 *Joint Plan of Reorganization* [ECF No. 1065] and a *Modified Second Amended Joint Plan of*
14 *Reorganization* [ECF No. 1069, and collectively with ECF Nos. 956, 997, 1040, and 1065, the
15 “**Plan**”).

16 3. The hearing to consider confirmation of the Plan was held on December 12, 2024.
17 On December 27, 2024, the Court then entered its *Order Confirming Second Amended Joint Plan*
18 *of Reorganization, As Modified* [ECF No. 1083] and its *Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law*
19 *in Support of Order Confirming Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization, As Modified*
20 [ECF No. 1082]. The Effective Date of the Plan was December 30, 2024. See ECF No. 1086.

21 4. BXB - Hamilton Ave's Claim is classified in the Plan as a Class 6A claim for
22 damages related to an alleged breach of master lease, among other things and Class 6B for loss
23 of value.

24 5. On November 23, 2024, before the Plan confirmation hearing, Guardian and the
25 Committee filed their *Motion Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 502(c) (1) Estimating Claims of Class 6B*
26 *Claimants under Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization* [ECF No 1021] (“**Estimation**
27 **Motion**”). The Estimation Motion was granted, and the Court entered its Order on January 10,
28 2025 [ECF No. 1087] (“**Estimation Order**”). The Estimation Order established the method for

1 allowing Class 6B claims “Damage Calculation.”¹ The Estimation Order also provided for a
 2 “Percentage Calculation,” calculated as a percentage of the total Damage Calculation. The
 3 percentage is calculated as 20% of the Property Value Difference (difference between Cost Basis
 4 and Est. Market Value) for 1031 Exchange claimants and 50% of the Property Value Difference
 5 for non-1031 Exchange claimants.

6. The time to opt-out of the approved Percentage and Damage Calculation expired
 7 February 27, 2025. The time to opt-out has passed and the estimated damage calculations
 8 contained in the Estimation Order for 6B claimants not exercising the right to opt-out are final.
 9 [ECF No 1087]. BXB - Hamilton Ave elected to opt out of both the Percentage and Damage
 10 Calculations.

11. BXB - Hamilton Ave purchased their properties through a 1031 Exchange
 12 transaction. Guardian has calculated an estimated value for BXB - Hamilton Ave’s Class 6B
 13 Claims utilizing the “Damage Calculation” method established by the Court in the Estimation
 14 Order for 1031 Exchange claimants in the allowed amount of \$0.00. [ECF No 1087].

15. As previously briefed to this Court in connection with the Plan confirmation, all
 16 investment materials and transaction documents advised investors like BXB - Hamilton Ave that
 17 they were buying a security, which consisted of an investment that included a future stream of
 18 income, in addition to receiving ownership of tangible real properties. Thus, BXB - Hamilton Ave
 19 knew at the time of their purchase that they were likely paying for something more than the current
 20 market value of the underlying properties.

21. Additionally, as part of the 1031 Exchange, BXB - Hamilton Ave had to attest that
 22 the market value of the assets they were purchasing was equal to the purchase price. At an
 23 evidentiary hearing on this Claim Objection after a reasonable time for discovery, Guardian will
 24 show that BXB - Hamilton Ave made the required 1031 Exchange disclosures.

25. Based on these facts and more to be shown at any evidentiary hearing, BXB -
 26 Hamilton Ave’s Claim should not be allowed as a Class 6B Claim for any amount in excess of
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28. ¹ Unless otherwise noted “Damage Calculation” and “Percentage Calculation” are defined as set forth in the Estimation Motion and Estimation Order.

1 the calculation in the Estimation Order. Guardian has calculated an estimated value for BXB -
 2 Hamilton Ave' Class 6B Claim utilizing the "Damage Calculation" method established by the
 3 Court in the Estimation Order for other 1031 Exchange claimants in the allowed amount of \$0.00.
 4 The total estimated market values of the underlying properties on the March 17, 2023, petition
 5 date, were more than BXB - Hamilton Ave's investor cost basis, and BXB - Hamilton Ave has
 6 provided no credible basis or documentation to support a different outcome. [ECF No. 1087]

7 11. BXB - Hamilton Ave's Claim also states an alleged Class 6A claim in a stated
 8 amount of \$69,364.94 apportioned as \$5,447.04 for fixed rent, \$8,917.90 for alleged unpaid
 9 property tax, and \$55,000.00 for repairs/rehabilitation. The Claim includes some documentation
 10 submitted in support of the alleged Class 6A lease damages which has been reviewed and
 11 evaluated by Guardian along with the fixed rent claim based on the Lease Agreement ("Lease")
 12 pursuant to which BXB - Hamilton Ave leased their properties back to Guardian in exchange for
 13 payment of certain fixed rent.

14 12. Pursuant to the terms of the Lease, Claimants have asserted Lease damage claims
 15 classified as Class 6A claims. Prepetition unpaid fixed rent claims are the most common damage
 16 claim under the Class 6A classification. Guardian was required to pay fixed rent under the Lease
 17 in an amount calculated as an annual percentage of the lessor's investment/ purchase price of the
 18 leased properties. However, pursuant to Section 2(B) of the Lease, "Lessee reserves the right to
 19 adjust the Fixed Rent to market conditions no more than two times per year with a 30-day notice."
 20 Guardian notified lessors, including BXB - Hamilton Ave, on December 7, 2022 that pursuant to
 21 current conditions, the Fixed Rent due under their Lease was adjusted to 0.00%.

22 13. Prior to expiration of the 30-day notice period, 37 days remained in prepetition
 23 fixed rent at the applicable rate of 6.7% due to lessors. Guardian has assessed these claims as
 24 follows: 37 days of fixed rent at 6.7% of claimant's property acquisition cost (\$308,156.00),
 25 reflecting the standard pr-petition possession period preceding the cessation of rent payments,
 26 covering the period from December 1, 2022, through January 6, 2023 (30 days after notice of
 27 cessation of fixed rent). This period reflects the estimated duration during which rent was owed
 28 to BXB - Hamilton Ave but not paid prior to reduction of the fixed rent payment to 0%.

1 14. As explained above, BXB - Hamilton Ave's Claim references damages for loss of
 2 fixed rent based on the terms of the Lease, although such damages are not specifically stated or
 3 itemized. Guardian has calculated the past due fixed rent owing to BXB - Hamilton Ave through
 4 the petition date of March 17, 2023, at \$2,092.93(\$308,156.00 x 6.7%/365 x 37=\$2,092.93).

5 15. In addition to unpaid fixed rent under the Lease, Guardian has evaluated all claims
 6 for documented, unpaid prepetition obligations incurred under the Lease, including but not limited
 7 to, property taxes, utility bills, HOA dues, municipal liens, and other operating expenses if
 8 documentation was included in a proof of claim. Guardian has reviewed all documentation
 9 submitted by BXB - Hamilton Ave and assessed a \$4,738.58 value for such Lease liabilities.

10 16. Guardian has evaluated all claims for property damage expenses to ascertain
 11 whether any substantiated damage occurred after acquisition of the property from Guardian and
 12 prior to March 17, 2023. Damage must be attributable to Guardian's breach under the Lease and
 13 not attributable to ordinary wear and tear or to conditions existing at the time of acquisition/lease
 14 start date. No such documentation was provided in BXB - Hamilton Ave's Claim; therefore,
 15 Guardian has assessed a \$0.00 value for property damage expenses.

16 17. On these grounds and more to be proven at a future hearing, Guardian objects to
 17 allowance of BXB - Hamilton Ave's Claim and based on the foregoing asks the Court to allow
 18 the Claim in the reduced total sum of \$6,831.31, with \$0.00 treated as a Class 6B claim under the
 19 Plan, and \$6,831.31 treated as a Class 6A claim under the Plan.

20 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

21 18. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
 22 §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(b)(2)(A), (B) and (O).
 23 Venue of Debtor's chapter 11 case in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and
 24 1409.

25 19. The basis for the relief sought here is section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code, Fed. R.
 26 Bankr. P. 3007 and 9014, and Local Rules 3007 and 9014.

27 20. Guardian confirms its consent, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7008 and Local Rule
 28 9014.2, to entry of a final order by the Court on this Claim Objection if it is later determined the

1 Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments on this matter
 2 consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

3 **LEGAL ARGUMENT**

4 **A. Standards for disallowance of proofs of claim under 11 U.S.C. § 502.**

5 The Bankruptcy Code provides that a proof of claim “is deemed allowed, unless a party
 6 in interest, . . . objects.” 11 U.S.C. § 502(a). A party in interest can object to allowance of a proof
 7 of claim. *See* 11 U.S.C. 502(a); Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3007(a).

8 A creditor’s filed claim under 11 U.S.C. § 502(a) results in a *prima facie* valid claim if the
 9 creditor accompanies its proof of claim with non-contradictory evidence of its validity, including
 10 a writing if the claim is based on a writing or evidence of a perfected security interest if it claims
 11 a security interest in debtor’s property. *See Ashford v. Consol. Pioneer Mortg. (In re Consolidated*
 12 *Pioneer Mortg.)*, 178 B.R. 222, 226 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1995); *In re X-Treme Bullets*, Case No. 3:19-
 13 cv-00637-MMD, 2020 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 140413 *14, 2020 WL 4432365 (D. Nev. July 31, 2020).
 14 A party objecting to the claim must only produce evidence that “would refute at least one of the
 15 allegations that is essential to the claim’s legal sufficiency.” *Ashford*, 178 B.R. at 226 (citations
 16 omitted).

17 Once the objector produces evidence to negate one or more sworn facts in the proof of
 18 claim, “the burden reverts to the claimant to prove the validity of the claim by a preponderance
 19 of the evidence, [and] the burden of persuasion is always on the claimant.” *Id.; Lundell v. Anchor*
 20 *Constr. Specialists, Inc.*, 223 F.3d 1035, 1040 (9th Cir. 2000) (noting that the bankruptcy court
 21 correctly “understood that the ultimate burden of persuasion was on the creditor[]”).

22 Here, BXB - Hamilton Ave failed to attach credible documentation for Lease damages to
 23 substantiate any alleged Class 6A claims in addition to the claims allowed. The portion of BXB
 24 - Hamilton Ave’s Claim attributed to alleged breach of contract/loss in property value is
 25 calculated in the same manner as other Class 6B claims resulting in an amount of \$0.00 under
 26 the Plan. BXB - Hamilton Ave has provided no credible evidence to support a different outcome.

27 **CONCLUSION**

28 In conclusion, Guardian respectfully requests an order allowing BXB - Hamilton Ave’s

1 Claim only in the reduced total sum of \$6,831.31, with \$0.00 treated as a Class 6B claim under
2 the Plan, and \$6,831.31 treated as a Class 6A claim under the Plan, with any other alleged Claim
3 amounts disallowed entirely; and for such other proper relief under the circumstances.

4 Dated June 30, 2025.

5 HARRIS LAW PRACTICE LLC

6 /s/ Norma Guariglia
7 NORMA GUARIGLIA, ESQ.
8 *Counsel for Jointly Administered Debtors*

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On June 30, 2025, the foregoing document was served via ECF automated system to all parties registered with ECF in this case on the date and time I filed the document with the Court's ECF system.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated June 30, 2025.

/s/ Norma Guariglia

Norma Guariglia

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EXHIBIT A

Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor 1	Guardian Fund, LLC
Debtor 2 (Spouse, if filing)	
United States Bankruptcy Court for the: District of Nevada	<input type="button" value="▼"/>
Case number	Lead BK-23-50177-hlb

Substantively Consolidated with: Case No. BK- 23-50233-hlb

Official Form 410**Proof of Claim**

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Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Do not use this form to make a request for payment of an administrative expense. Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. **Do not send original documents;** they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) that you received.

Part 1: Identify the Claim

1. Who is the current creditor?	BXB Holdings, LLC - 1937 Hamilton Ave. Series Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim)		
	Other names the creditor used with the debtor <u>BXB Holdings, LLC</u>		
2. Has this claim been acquired from someone else?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. From whom? _____		
3. Where should notices and payments to the creditor be sent?	Where should notices to the creditor be sent?	Where should payments to the creditor be sent? (if different)	
Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g)	Louis M. Bubala III, Kaempfer Crowell Name	BXB Holding, LLC, Sarah Brown as Manager Name	
	50 W. Liberty Street, Suite 700 Number Street	P.O. Box 12873 Number Street	
	Reno NV 89501 City State ZIP Code	Reno NV 89510 City State ZIP Code	
	Contact phone <u>775-852-3900</u>	Contact phone <u>(775) 297-1905</u>	
Contact email <u>lbubala@kcnvlaw.com</u>	Contact email <u>bxbholdingsllc@gmail.com</u>		
Uniform claim identifier for electronic payments in chapter 13 (if you use one): -----			
4. Does this claim amend one already filed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Claim number on court claims registry (if known) _____		Filed on <u>MM / DD / YYYY</u>
5. Do you know if anyone else has filed a proof of claim for this claim?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Who made the earlier filing? _____		

Part 2: Give Information About the Claim as of the Date the Case Was Filed

6. Do you have any number you use to identify the debtor?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Last 4 digits of the debtor's account or any number you use to identify the debtor: _____
7. How much is the claim?	\$ 69,364.94 Does this amount include interest or other charges? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. Attach statement itemizing interest, fees, expenses, or other charges required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c)(2)(A).
8. What is the basis of the claim?	Examples: Goods sold, money loaned, lease, services performed, personal injury or wrongful death, or credit card. Attach redacted copies of any documents supporting the claim required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c). Limit disclosing information that is entitled to privacy, such as health care information. <u>Breach of lease agreement, misrepresentation of property values.</u>
9. Is all or part of the claim secured?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. The claim is secured by a lien on property. Nature of property: <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate. If the claim is secured by the debtor's principal residence, file a <i>Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment</i> (Official Form 410-A) with this <i>Proof of Claim</i> . <input type="checkbox"/> Motor vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Describe: _____ Basis for perfection: Attach redacted copies of documents, if any, that show evidence of perfection of a security interest (for example, a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document that shows the lien has been filed or recorded.)
	Value of property: \$ _____ Amount of the claim that is secured: \$ _____ Amount of the claim that is unsecured: \$ _____ (The sum of the secured and unsecured amounts should match the amount in line 7.)
	Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition: \$ _____
	Annual Interest Rate (when case was filed) _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed <input type="checkbox"/> Variable
10. Is this claim based on a lease?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition: \$ _____
11. Is this claim subject to a right of setoff?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Identify the property: _____

12. Is all or part of the claim entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)?

A claim may be partly priority and partly nonpriority. For example, in some categories, the law limits the amount entitled to priority.

No

Yes. Check one:

- Domestic support obligations (including alimony and child support) under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B). \$ _____
- Up to \$3,350* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7). \$ _____
- Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$15,150*) earned within 180 days before the bankruptcy petition is filed or the debtor's business ends, whichever is earlier. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4). \$ _____
- Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8). \$ _____
- Contributions to an employee benefit plan. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(5). \$ _____
- Other. Specify subsection of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(_) that applies. \$ _____

* Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/01/25 and every 3 years after that for cases begun on or after the date of adjustment.

Part 3: Sign Below

The person completing this proof of claim must sign and date it.
FRBP 9011(b).

If you file this claim electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what a signature is.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both.
18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Check the appropriate box:

- I am the creditor.
- I am the creditor's attorney or authorized agent.
- I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. Bankruptcy Rule 3004.
- I am a guarantor, surety, endorser, or other codebtor. Bankruptcy Rule 3005.

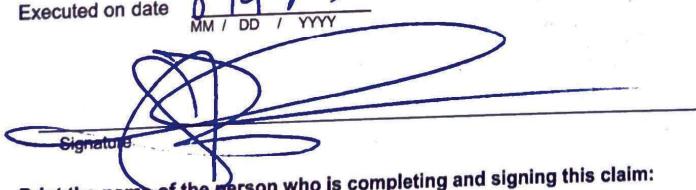
I understand that an authorized signature on this *Proof of Claim* serves as an acknowledgment that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt.

I have examined the information in this *Proof of Claim* and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on date 8/14/23
MM / DD / YYYY

Signature



Print the name of the person who is completing and signing this claim:

Name

Sarah Brown

First name

Middle name

Last name

Title

Manager

Company

BXB Holdings, LLC

Identify the corporate servicer as the company if the authorized agent is a servicer.

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